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Respectfully submitted,

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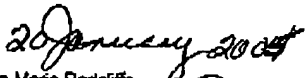
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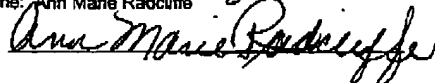
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In an Office Action dated 23 December 2004 having a 1 month statutory period of response expiring 22 January 2005, the Examiner has asked the applicants to elect one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a test system comprising a light source, class 422, subclass 52

Group II: Claims 13-15, drawn to a process for a test system comprising illumination, class 435, subclass 4

Group III: Claims 16-20, drawn to a method for a test system comprising a labeling substance, class 435, subclass 7.1

Applicants elect Group I. Please delete claims 13-20 without prejudice. The pending claims are presented below.